

Dublin, April 26, 1867

Dear M^r May - My friend M^r Jacob, was a
good deal startled by the charge of \$8 for one
year of the Nation, which he does not intend
to continue after the 11th of May. The only
way I can account for it is that the subscrip-
tion being \$5, \$1¹/₂ has been added for postage,
and the remaining \$1¹/₂ is charged to him for
some back numbers supplied to me and for
which I never paid. However you will oblige
me by stopping his paper and continuing mine
and then will make me your debtor for \$14¹/₂
beside anything else I owe you. Here the dollar
is worth about 3 shillings sterling at the outside
- but if you will take care to let me know
that you are fully paid, I will be much obliged
to you - for I have not a good head for currency
matters though quite willing to pay what I owe.

From some things Miss Estlin has heard
about your mode of warming houses in winter
I fancy she is deterred from her intention of spending
the winter months on your side. She cannot bear
a stifling heat, and when the temperature is suited
to her, is a great martyr to headache.

She is fully bent on joining M^r Garrison in Paris
I am anxious to see you this time of making these notes in haste
and making them - Thanks and kindest regards

and very much wishes me to join her there
— which I would be well disposed to do but
for two difficulties. One of them is that since
my illness about two years ago, my ability for
bearing fatigue or ~~talking~~ taking long walks
or any kind of exercise is greatly diminished.
The other is the storm in heat of the great expense
of board lodging and every thing in Paris during
the time of the Exhibition. You Americans
have very ~~little~~ different ideas of spending
money from those which prevail here with
ordinarily prudent people. Money seems
with you to spring out of the ground — and the
more one spends the more one can make.
Here we have to keep fast hold — if we do not
wish to be left in the lurch. If a man loses
his chance here, he rarely can regain it.
We wish to see the Westons, the Garrison "faction" &
Kirk. There is rather greater than to see the more
earthly attractions — but as we grow old we become
timid & lazy — at least I do — so that I don't
yet know what I shall conclude to do.

I am much obliged to Mrs May for her
kind proposal to send me Whittier's new Poem —
I have seen "his Poem" in the hands of a friend

but I have not seen the other. I lately traded
a book I did not care with a very good
specimen of humanity from New York, in exchange
for Carpenter's "Six Months at the White House",
which is an interesting book though there is rather
too much padding in it. Also an admirable
book of travels among the Indians by a Colonel
Merriam, one of the best books of the kind I have
met with.

Alfred I wish to know who your ideal regard as
the greatest man living, not in power, not in talent,
but in the moral greatness of his achievements? Also
the greatest woman?

This great New Yorker, a wonderful talker & I think
slightly crazed, ~~was~~ in his tendency to thank ladies
in love with him (I don't think he accused my daughter
received some attention & hospitality from us - and
he offered to send some books for her by a line in
which he has an interest, to London. As they are not
come to hand, I enclose a note to his brother begging
him to let her know whether anything has come
to his hands to be forwarded. An Irish friend in
Boston was to send Greeley's History of the War, 2 vols. &
some American in Lancaster, Mass. was to send to
Worcester case the new portrait of Lincoln from Car-
penter's painting which is said to be the best.

Will you kindly enclose the notes in envelopes addressed to me. I send thanks.

Yours and
W. D. Webb.

Our Iamato friend is the very antipodes of
Waiata. He is Mr. Williams, formerly a lieutenant
in the U.S. Army & one who has seen much
service. He is one of the most tactful, modest
& unobtrusive of men, excellent reader &
real writer. He was some weeks at home fresh
and we all liked him very much. He brought
in an introductory letter from S. H. Gay.

As to the John Brown you have asked
blankets to dispose of them as you think best
for the Freeman & I will send you as many
copies as you choose to order. This I am
sure is Miss Lottin's wife - she paid the bills
which I and my dear wife compiled the book.

I was nearly forgetting to say that Alfred
wishes to know if you have any acquaintance
with Mr. Alfred M. Williams.

I also send a note to Mr. Garrison, for I
want to see him as our guest in case he
comes to Ireland.

The last letter from Richard said that he was about to
leave Austin for some locality in the wilderness & he would
rather avoid to take possession of some place that has been
discovered by another person. He did not give particulars
& did not wish to raise great hopes but he evidently has
"superstitions" - 40 miles from any white settlement, by
that letter will come irregularly for some time. He was in
good health & spirits & had done well so far.